

In a Little While.

BY WARD BEE.

Let indeed be now the waiting
For what that other life can show:
Solace all our sage debating.
A few more days and we shall know:
Now perhaps what meant the urging
Of earth-life's want and toil and pain,
And that waves of sorrow surging
Hath surely brought celestial gain.

Reading then each bitter trial
In the light that there will shine,
We shall know that each denial
An earnest test of joy divine,
Shall see how sin and death's admission
Worketh bliss that else must fail
See how disappointment's mission
Maketh good to sure prevail.

And perhaps the knowledge missing,
One enlightening wished, for thought,
Long ending wisdom's guessing,
Then will come with rapture fraught;
And a clearer sight discerning
Make the perfect life appear.
That our souls in patient learning
Ever failed to compass here.

HIS FIRST SMOKE.

George is Persevered to Try a Pipe and
Wishes He was Dead After It.

DEAR EDITOR—last night I was most
ed, I just said that I would die, but
and didn't answ'r mi prair.

I just wish tho that mi a pa wood
a little moir kinder 2 me, they seed how
ick I was an they didnt fele a bit sorri
me an sed it served me rite cause I
was sik.

this is how it al happind.
I met bil
an he sed
georgie, r u with me.

we cross bill node I was with him cause
was standin by him, but that is onli
ag, an wen on I says r u with me
ay mone will u go in a some, so wen
I sed r u with me, I sed yes.

then I sed wat is it.
this, he sed, an he tuk a pipe out of
a pocket an a paper of tobacker.
wat do you mene, I askid.

wy, wats the matter with havin a
sake, he sed.
so I sed I am with u.

then we went 2 r barn an bil filled his
pe an then give me 1 2 smoke. bil has
smokid 4 a long time. I never smokid
a mi life.

ho, bil, I sed, aint it roag for me me 2
smoke wen he handed me the pipe full
off tobacker.

now, sed bil, dont be a fule, georgie,
yure pa is a sundi school teacher and he
smokes. so how how can it b roag.

so I put the pipe in mi mouth an bil
sriked a match and I commenced 2 pull
on the pipe. the smoke tasted ortul
asty an it choked me.

how du u like it, georgie, bil sed.
ho, it is fine, I sed, cause if I sed I
didnt like it bil wood laff an say I was
a reglar babi.

so I went on smokin an bi & bi I com-
menced to fele like I wood like 2 thro
away the pipe, onli I was afrade ov bil
laffin at me.

then bi & an bi sed 2 bil I woodent
smoke an more caus I didnt want to
impose on his good natur-bi takin his
tobacker, but bil sed not 2 mentin it,
cause it didnt cost him an thing cause
he swiped it from his pa.

by, foolish boy wat I was. I tuk some
moir tobacker an smoked sum moir, bi
an bi I saw the wale of the barn com-
mence 2 move a round an i felt like mi
hed wood bust, so I lade down the pipe
and tole bil I woodent smoke an moir 4
sure, caus I node I was robin him ov his
tobacker.

bil tride to get me to smoke sum moir
but I rely coodent. way down in my
stomik it felt like a lot of peopl was
ftin, an then I got so sik I had 2 lay
down. I kept getin worse an worse an I
thot I was dyin.

bil johnson, I sed, I aint goen 2 live
much longer, but wen you take mi ded
body home dont tel my ma an pa abote me
smokin.

but bil onli laffed an sed I wood be al
rite in a litel wile, an that if I thot I was
dyin I better be tuk home. so bil helped
me get on mi fete an I got home.

heavens, georgie, said ma wen I got in
the house, wat makes u so pale—wats
the matter with u child.

I tried to make b leve that wosent
nothin the natir, but ma sed that was
an sent 4 a doctor.

wen he cum be tole ma I had been
smokin.

then ma cride an sed I was a lost child,
an that she didnt think I cood b so
wicked as 2 smoke, and that the best
thing she cood du wood be 2 send me 2 a
penitentiary.

I woodent care if they send me 2 a
butcher shop 2 b cut up for sassege
mete. I just wished I wood die. ho, I
was ortul sik.

then wen pa cum home he loked at me,
an he askid wat wos the matir, an ma
sed I had a hed ache, cause she didnt
want him 2 no I had been smokin.

but pa wos ded on. he just comed
over 2 me an sed, wel, u wantid 2 be a
man, didnt u. how did u like it.

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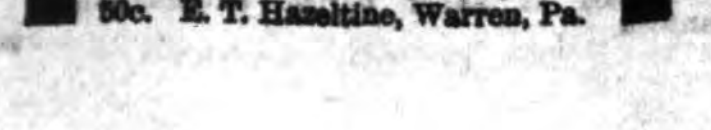
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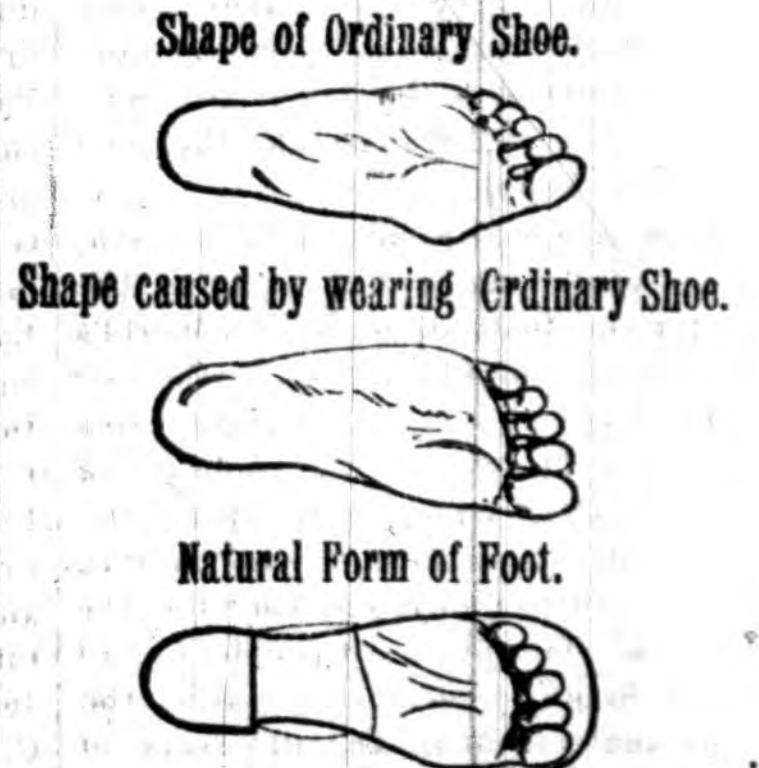
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